

PERPLEXED,

Puzzled, astonished, annoyed, surprised, but not discouraged. On looking over and footing up our stock sheets January 10th, we find we have on hand nearly \$100,000 in merchandise. To say we were dumfounded in putting it very mildly. We are annoyed; we are astonished; we are surprised; and this week we shall commence the greatest effort of the year. We shall inaugurate a great 80c January sale, to be continued balance of the month. Some of the most startling bargains we have ever offered will be thrown into this sale. Goods must be turned in cash. Our stock is too large by half. Think of \$100,000.00 worth of merchandise under one roof, all to be slaughtered as a few of the thousand sample bargains are following:

Red comforters 39c
Scarlet bed blankets, per pound 39c
Men's fancy striped underwear 39c
Ladies' genuine cashmere hats 39c
Ladies' genuine white muslin vests and pants 39c
Gents' white underwear 39c
All of our miles' and children's trimmed hats 39c

These include everything in misses' trimmed hats, many of which have been selling 8.4 and 5 times the price now quoted.

Try and come in the forenoon whenever convenient, as you can get better service and more particular attention paid to your wants than in the busy hours of the afternoon.

39 CENTS—39 CENTS—39 CENTS.

McCABE BROS.

1712, 1714, 1716, 1718, 1720 and 1722 Second Avenue.

CLOSING OUT PRICES.

Plush Cabinet Albums 38 cents,

Leather Cabinet Albums 78 cents,

Sleds Below Cost,

Work Baskets Below Cost,

Stationery at 20 per cent off,

Cabinet Frames 20 per cent off;

Bibles at Cost,

Wall Paper at and Below Cost

Window Shades at Cost.

BIG BARGAINS in Every Department for we MUST

CLOSE out our Stock in Twenty Days.

KINGSBURY & SON,

1705 Second Avenue.

RASMUSSEN

-The Photographer-

—HAS REMOVED TO—

To 1725 Second Avenue,

Next door to Crampton's Bookstore.

The Public is cordially invited to inspect our new Gallery. The finest West of Chicago without any exception. We have the only camera in this vicinity large enough to make life size photographs direct. We have the only Gallery in this city which is first class in all its appointments, in fact it contains more instruments, Back Grounds, Photographic Furniture, etc., than all the other Galleries in this city combined. We have a reputation of the highest order and also the ability and determination to sustain it.

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Rock Island.

A CARD.

You are invited to call at the corner of Brady and Second street, Davenport, and get a good warm pair of

SHOES

You can save MORE than your street car fare. Make a New Year's resolve to go and try it.

Respectfully,

The Davenport Shoe Co.,

COR. BRADY AND SECOND,

Davenport, Iowa.

FRED APPELQUIST

—Has opened his New and Spacious—

SAMPLE ROOM

No. 1620 to 1626 Third avenue,

where he would be pleased to see his friends.
All kinds of drinks as well as Ale and Porter, and the well known drink "Half and half," the only place in the city where you can get it.

SUTCLIFFE BROS'



Wall Paper, Curtains AND ROOM MOLDINGS.

No. 1401 Second Avenue.

ENSIGN.

The celebrated Ensign corsets 39c
20c Turkey red table linen 39c
Fine colored bordered damask 39c
Gents' night shirts 39c
Gents' good undieshirts 39c
2 pair men's best linen cuffs 39c
11 spoons Costa's best thread 39c
Line of straw hats 39c
A mixed lot of 50c to 75c dress goods all go at 39c
Men's genuine British seamless half hose 39c
5 pairs for 39c
Men's genuine 50c four-in-hand and neck scarfs at 39c
Fancy striped undershirts 39c
5 yards Canton damask 39c
5 yards very heavy Canton damask 39c
5 yards robe or furniture prints 39c
3 1/2 yards red or blue muslin 39c
5 yards Fruit of Loom muslin 39c
6 1/2 yards Fruit of Loom muslin 39c
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A lot of short cloths and wraps (carried over stock) 39c
All gilt edge red line goods 39c
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We shall add different lines from day to day to make the sale especially interesting, as we are bound to reduce our enormous stock as fast as possible. There is no use of attempting to disguise the fact that the continued warm unseasonable weather has left us heavily over-loaded and we are forced to name prices that under ordinary circumstances would appear very unbusiness like, but at this special time we feel quite justified and shall make no further explanation.

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OUGHT TO BE REMEDIED.

Rock Island's Unreliable Telegraph Facilities.

The abandonment of the night telegraph office in Rock Island, which was due to the morning paper having forfeited its franchise for associated press dispatches and dropping its night telegraphic report, is a source of great inconvenience to the public, and in consequence a detriment to the city, that some methods ought to be adopted to remedy. Numerous instances have within the past few days come to the ears of the Argus where dispatches of the utmost importance have been sent to Rock Island at night which have not been received until the following day. Not the least blame or reflection can be made upon the local management of the Western Union Telegraph company in this connection. The company itself is alone at fault for the discomfiture that is being inflicted upon the local public. Since the first of the year a nigardly policy has been pursued toward Rock Island, and the local office made to run with but one operator, a fact which permits of no service after 8 o'clock in the evening.

Rock Island has reached a position of size and importance when it is worthy of better treatment at the hands of the Western Union Telegraph company and there should be provision made for having the office open at least until midnight, if not for all night. With one assistant, Manager Looney could provide this accommodation, and it is to be hoped that the Rock Island Citizens' Improvement association will give the matter such attention as will lead to the case being so presented to Supt. Tabb that a desirable change may be made.

INTERESTS OF THE FARMER

The next meeting of the County Institute—The State Board of Agriculture Meeting.

The next meeting of the Rock Island County Farmers' Institute will be held at Reynolds on Friday, Jan. 24, for which an interesting programme has been prepared, including papers followed by discussions on the following topics: "Do Farmers Live up to Their Full Social Privileges?" by D. T. Seymour; "New Gospel of Agriculture," Louis Johns; "Botany of Some Farm Plants," J. H. Southwell; "Agricultural Experience Meeting," W. S. McCulloch, leader. The executive committee is composed of H. Sadoris, Fred Osborn, W. S. McCulloch, Hiram Darling and W. C. Wilson.

A Farmers' Institute meeting of the Eleventh congressional district, under the auspices of the state board of agriculture will be held in Rock Island on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 4 and 5. The list of these meetings in the different congressional districts throughout the state together with the name of the member of the board, is as follows:

Dist. Member Place Dates
15. B. Puller Centralia Jan. 14, 15
16. J. Skewington Mt. Carmel Jan. 16, 17
17. E. E. Oberier Tascara Jan. 21, 22
18. Lafayette Bank Monticello Jan. 23, 24
19. J. W. Deary Dubuque Jan. 25, 26
20. W. H. Fulkerson Mt. Sterling Jan. 30, 31
21. E. B. David Rock Island Feb. 4, 5
22. John Vignia St. Paul Feb. 11, 12
23. Simon Elliott Andalusia Feb. 18, 19
24. David Gure Scudville Feb. 25, 27
25. D. B. Gilham Belleville Feb. 28, Mich 1

MAY BE LITIGATION YET.

A Question Raised as to the Legality of the Present Heirs of the Late Bailey Davenport.

It is just possible—though it is not very likely—that there will be litigation over the will of the late Bailey Davenport yet. Some of the relatives of the deceased, other than the nephews and nieces at present in charge of the estate, propose, it is reported, to raise the claim that the late Bailey Davenport, and his brother, the late Geo. L. Davenport, of the city of Davenport, were but half brothers, having different mothers. If this be proven, the legal heirs would not be the children of Geo. L. Davenport, but the descendants of Mr. Bailey Davenport's mother; of course, and the property would pass to them not only under the law, but it would not be hindered in the least in so doing under the provisions of the will.

Many of our old citizens and others who are in a position to know, assert that there is no truth in any such assertions as to Bailey and George L. Davenport not being actual brothers.

It is to be hoped that no litigation such as would involve the estate remaining in its present condition for many years will ensue.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge Smith Taken Ill—The Prisoners Arraigned—The Griffith Suit Settled.

At noon today Judge Smith announced in the circuit court that he would be obliged because of his intense sufferings with the influenza to be out of court until next Monday. This afternoon Judge Pleasant presided for a few minutes and heard the Alay case from Moline stated, but deferred action on it until Judge Smith's return and adjourned court until next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This morning the prisoners indicted at the present term so far as are in custody, were arraigned and furnished with copies of their bills, lists of witnesses, etc. Bernard Kelly, charged with larceny, plead guilty and was sentenced to thirty days in jail. Attorneys were appointed by the court for the prisoners who have not retained counsel. John McDarragh charged with assault to murder, gave bail in the sum of \$500 yesterday afternoon.

The jury in the Griffith damage suit against the city of Moline, brought in a verdict for the defendant this morning.

A peculiarly virulent case of Sarsaparilla is that while it purifies the blood, it imparts new vigor to every function of the body.

Black Hawk Medicated Tar soap is soothing and healing to chapped hands.

GOT HIS JAGS.

A Travelling Man Creates a Sensation While Lumbering Under a Bad Attack of the Jim Jams—Wild Scene at the Rock Island House.

"Help! Murder! Murder!" "Bloody Murder!" "Come up here quick!" were the frantic screams that came from a window of the Rock Island house between 8 and 8:30 o'clock last night. Several people who were on the street at the time rushed up to the floor of the hotel and into the room from which the sounds came. Officer Hetter was among the number, and all expected to find that some horrible and ghastly murder had been attempted, but some surprise was occasioned when the cause of the disturbance was found alone in the room and armed with a poker.

The man seemed to be laboring under great excitement, and being disarmed by the policeman, he stated that some of the boarders had threatened his life and so agitated him with their threats that he hoisted the window and gave utterance to the sensational screams.

A closer investigation revealed the fact that the sufferer was a very well known and popular traveling salesman, who has been laid up at the hotel for some weeks with delirium tremens; that a local physician has been in attendance upon him, and that yesterday he was to all intents much improved. The doctor now believes that through some means he obtained a drink yesterday, and that this brought on the reaction, Officer Mulqueen spent the night with him, and this morning found him sleeping quietly and much improved.

The episode of last evening created a great deal of excitement for the time being, and the report spread over the city that a murder had been committed at the Rock Island house.

THE "LA GRIFFE."

An Alleged Reliable Cure for the New Kind of Influenza—Cases in Rock Island.

Dr. C. Sander, of Chicago, writes the following cure for the influenza:

"It surprises me that in no public report reference is made to the pure volatile eucalyptus as a cure of the influenza, which has become epidemic in Europe and recently in a good many parts of the United States. This drug was employed by Prof. Dr. Mosler, director of the medical clinic of the university at Greifswald, Prussia, with the best results in influenza, hay fever, diphtheria, catarrhal affections of the mucous membrane, and the deeper lying mucous membrane of the trachea and bronchi. Prof. Dr. Schulz, lecturer on pharmacology at the university of Bonn, Prussia, speaks likewise in the highest terms of the virtues of that drug in the complaints named. During my stay in Australia, where the use of pure volatile eucalyptus extract, the volatile oil of the leaves—has become quite familiar, I took particular interest in its manufacture. The article there universally in favor is manufactured at Sandhurst, Victoria, and exported to all parts of the globe. It must not be confused with the common terebinthineous eucalyptus oil or wood oil."

Mr. J. E. Courtright, the genial-hearted commercial promulgator, who has been entertaining the Russian sneeze for two days at the Rock Island house, is again shedding the joy of his expansive countenance upon his many friends in the city. Mr. Courtright is a man who will be fashionable no matter what the cost. He heard that "La Grippe" was the prevailing style and he lost no opportunity of embracing it. He has aged fully eighty years in appearances in the brief period, but he claims to have the satisfaction of knowing that he got there just the same, and he thinks he is still better off than McGinty—even in his "best Sunday clothes."

At least one half of the Argus carrier boys are ill with the prevailing influenza, so that if the papers are missed, the fact is thus explained and forbearance is asked until the faithful boys get about again.

Carl Hellenstall, of the People's National bank, is as sick as a man would wish to be with the plague disease. G. O. Huckstaedt, of the same bank, has had a severe attack of it.

Judge Smith has the "La Grippe," "La Grippe" consequently has the court, and an adjournment was necessary this afternoon as a result.

Mr. T. H. Thomas is able to be about again after a siege with the "La Grippe." He says it is no laughing matter.

W. W. Stafford, teller at the Rock Island National bank, is just getting over the "grip."

Lester Carriers Liedtke and Eckerman are keeping along with the times by entertaining the "Grippe."

County Judge Adams has the prevailing influenza.

There are at least two hundred cases of the epidemic in Rock Island.

Respect for the Deceased President.

The directors of the People's National bank at their meeting yesterday afternoon adopted the following resolutions of respect to the late president, Hon. Bailey Davenport:

WHEREAS, Hon. Bailey Davenport, who was by this directory elected sixteen times as president of this bank, has been suddenly called, by the hand of death, from his field of labor and usefulness; and

WHEREAS, During nearly sixteen years of intercourse with him, this board became acquainted with his sterling integrity and many other good qualities, social and benevolent; be it

Resolved, That in his death this bank has lost a president who was ever watchful of its interests and contributed largely to its financial prosperity; whose judgment was ever sound and reliable, and whose conservative counsels have been of lasting advantage and benefit to the bank; and be it further

Resolved, That as a tribute of the esteem in which he was held by this board, these resolutions be entered on the record of the bank, and a copy furnished to the press for publication.

NOTES OF P.

All members of St. Paul Lodge No. 107, Knights of Pythias, are respectfully invited to attend a regular meeting in their castle hall on this Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. sharp for work in raising funds for the purchase of a new building for the lodge to be attended to. By order of H. W. SATTER, C. C. J. ALEX. MONTGOMERY, K. of R. and S.

BRIEFLETS.

The snow is hailed with general delight.

A. M. Boyles, of Seattle, Wash., is in the city today.

Mr. Sam Heagy, of Hampton, was in the city today.

Mr. S. F. Lynde, of Chicago, is in the city on business.

The black flag was ordered up again this morning.

Wanted—A cook. Inquire of Mrs. Howard Wells.

E. W. Lowrey, of Denver, is visiting his brother, H. J. Lowrey.

McIntire Bros. discount sale prior to inventory. See advertisement.

Trainmaster J. C. Stanton of the C. & N. W. was in the city today.

Remember the discount sale at McIntire Bros. See advertisement.

John Griffin, a well known farmer in Hampton township, died this morning.

Supervisor Murphy, of Coal Valley, is acting as bailiff during the present term of court.

Winter is half over and the thermometer has not registered a point below the zero mark yet.

The R. I. & P. pay car went over the road to Peoria this morning in charge of Gen. Supt. Sudlow.

Let every seat be filled tomorrow night at the "Crowning of the Queen of Fame," for the benefit of the hospital.

Wanted—A girl to do housekeeping, aged 15 or 16. Call at 7 p. m., at Goldberg's laundry, 1724 Third avenue.

General Freight Agent Stockhouse, of the R. I. & P., is in Chicago attending a meeting of the Western Freight association.

Mrs. L. J. Conway has gone to Sioux City to spend two months with her son, Geo. Conway, who is a prominent business man there.

Remember the hospital entertainment tomorrow night at the opera house. Don't fail to see the "Crowning of the Queen of Fame."

Negotiations are now pending as a result of which, Mr. H. C. Ashbaugh, late of the Union, may become owner of the Davenport Tribune.

The Rock Island Turner society will have an entertainment and dance at Turner hall Saturday evening, Jan. 18th. Everybody is invited.

The "Two Johns" presented an acceptable performance of their ludicrous play at Harper's theatre last evening, but the audience was small owing to the great prevalence in the city of the "La Grippe."

Mr. E. B. Sargeant, formerly of Rock Island, but whose home is now in Rockford, was in the city this morning greeting his friends, of whom there are many, and he included the Argus in his list of calls.

Jack Webb, the cowardly assassin who attempted the murder of Thomas McCausland, of McCausland, Iowa, on October 29th last, plead guilty in the circuit court at Davenport yesterday, but the court withheld sentence until Saturday.

Mrs. Calvin Truesdale, who with the doctor is spending the winter at Minneapolis, had the great misfortune to have a severe fall while walking along the street in that city recently, sustaining a fracture of one of the bones of the left wrist.

Dr. Truesdale is giving the injury his constant attention, and no serious results are apprehended.

The grand jury of Cook county has returned indictments against Henry LaCloche, Seth Twombly and Chas. Buford for the murder of Edward Smith, Jr., who died last November from the effects of the injuries received in the Rock Island railroad accident at South Englewood on the night of Sept. 24th. This is the seventh indictment for murder against Twombly and Buford, but first against LaCloche, who was fireman on Twombly's engine.

The enterprising house furnishing firm of Clemann & Salzmann, which has heretofore been content with beautifying the interior of the houses of others, have decided to apply a little of the same to their own benefit, though the nature of the improvement, while not less attractive, is different somewhat from that which they devote their special attention to. They have given orders to the Adams Wall Paper company to paper and otherwise decorate the walls of their stores and upper rooms in Harper's theatre building in the most approved style, and when the work is finished there will be no more inviting business house in the city.

County Buildings.

11—Louis Eckhart, Jr. Theophile Poyot, part lot 5, block 77, Chicago ad., R. I., \$150.

18—Maria Edwards to O. C. Johnson, lot 2, block 2, Maria Edwards' 2d ad., Moline, \$250.

Maria Edwards to N. A. Johnson, lot 3, block 2, Maria Edwards' 2d ad., Moline, \$250.

C. J. Arenschield to C. O. Arenschield, lots 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13, Henry McNeal's sub div 19 and 20, 15, 16, and part 2d, 2d, 3d, 10, 11, 12, \$1,400.

Alexander Stromberg to C. M. Peterson, e 10 feet lot 5, block 2, John Deere's ad., Moline, \$300.

Alexander Stromberg to O. H. Birkel, w 40 feet lot 5, block 2, John Deere's ad., Moline, \$675.

PROBATE.

11—Conservatorship of Florence Malley. Conservator's account filed and approved.

12—Estate of Bailey Davenport. Will presented for probate by W. C. Putnam.

14—Estate of Bailey Davenport. Petition for appointment of John Peetz administrator filed.

Grant Council Election.

Arsenal Council 171, National Union, elected officers last evening with the following result:

Ex-President—Robert Bennett.

President—Michael O'Connor.

Vice-President—T. J. Medill, Jr.

Speaker—Morro Kohn.

Financial Secretary—M. A. Patterson.

Recording Secretary—P. Greenwalt.

Treasurer—J. H. Cleland.

Chaplain—J. H. Reeves.

Usher—W. J. Kahle.

Sergeant at Arms—D. P. Cochran.

Doorkeeper—F. C. Hemenway.

Trustees—Robert Bennett, H. Hostack, Michael O'Connor.

McIntire Bros. have a new and reliable gilt glove cleaner; cleans perfectly and leaves no odor.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Ten deaths from pneumonia and influenza occurred in Chicago Tuesday.

Nine fishermen were drowned in Dunnet bay, Donegal, Ireland, Tuesday.

Monday's storm destroyed \$100,000 worth of property at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

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